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Hill Elects Moses, McGiffin Hansen and Melius to Court

Will Alger's Salt City Five pictured entertaining Hill students and their dates at last Saturday's jazz concert behind Chi Psi.

The student body, at yesterday's chapel assembly, elected next year's Honor Court. Chosen were Bob Moses, '56, Carl Hansen, '57, Paul McGiffin, '57, and Art Melius, '58. Paul Carter, '56, had previously been appointed chairman by the outgoing court. A member from the Class of '59 will be appointed next fall.

Fourth Year

Carter, an Alpha Delt from Palmyra, New York, will be serving his fourth year on the Honor Court. He was D. T. and Was Los, freshman class president, and student council representative. In addition, he has recently been named chairman of the Chapel Board.

Moses, from New York City, is vice-president of the senior class and captain of the basketball team. A member of E. L. S, he will be serving his second term on the court.

Hansen From Long Island

Hansen is the only non-incumbent member of the new Honor Court. A D. U., he was formerly vice-president of the sophomore class and is treasurer of the Block-H Club. A D, T. and Was Los, he has been elected to the Athletic Council and Student Council. His home is in Westhampton Beach, Long Island.

Elected for the third straight year was Paul McGiffin. He throws the javelin for the track team and is a member of Was Los and D. T. A member of the Chapel Board and the Student Admissions Committee, he is an Alpha Delt from Summit, New Jersey.

Melius, in addition to being a second year Honor Court member, was tapped by D. T. From Albany, he plays football and J. V. basketball. Melius is an E. L. S.

Granof To Direct Hill Debate Club; Chosen At Dinner

Vice-Presidency To Bob Connor

Eugene Granof, '56, was unanimously elected president of the Debate Club at the annual banquet held last night. He succeeds Cal Torrance, '55.

Other officers are Robert Connor, '56, vice president; and Pete O'Hara and Gary Tischler, both '57, secretary treasurers.

Delta Sigma Rho

Jim Magee, '55, president of the Hamilton Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, announced the election of five men to the national honorary forensic society. President Robert W. McEwen was among the men elected.

Besides McEwen, the new members of the honorary society are Robert Connor, Eugene Granof, Peter O'Hara, and Al Prettyman, '56. "All these men," said Magee, "have distinguished themselves in inter-collegiate public speaking."

Granof, the new president, was secretary-treasurer of the club last year, and has debated since his freshman year. He debated in the Faculty-Student debate held last Fall, and was elected a committee chairman at the model Legislative Assembly held last month in Albany.

Former McKinney Speaker

Connor, the new vice president, also served as secretary-treasurer this year, and debated in the Faculty-Student Debate. A former McKinney speaker, Connor recently received a speaker award at the Amherst tournament.

Prettyman, who has frequently appeared in Charlatan roles and as a choir soloist, was Speaker of the Albany Assembly. He received a speaker award at a tournament held at Cornell earlier this year, and received second place in this year's McKinney Prize Speaking contest.

O'Hara, former president of his class and member of the Student Council, ran the Hamilton novice tournament this past fall.

He has been to several tournaments this year and was a delegate to the conference of Delta Sigma Rho held at the University of Virginia.

Tischler, starred in this spring's Charlatan prduction, and was elected a mapority leader at the Albany Assembly. He has participated in several tournaments this year.

Carter, J. Smith To Manage Choir For Next Year

Paul Carter and John Smith, both '56, have been chosen to manage the Choir next year. Al Shaler, '57, will serve as Publicity Director, assisted by Al Lord, '58, while Bob Seifert, '56, and Roger Prokop, '57, will continue in their present positions of Librarian and Accompanist.

The Choir is hopeful of making two trips to New York next year, instead of the usual one. Also, Vassar has asked to give a joint concert at Hamilton and there are possibilities of giving a similar concert with the Smith Choir. In addition, there is a chance that the Choir may tour the Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington area next Spring.

This Sunday the Choir is scheduled to make a 30 minute recording in the Chapel. While the program for this record is still undecided, it will consist of motets, contemporary songs, college songs, and selections by the Buffers.

Tomorrow night the Choir will sing at the First Baptist Church in New Hartford, presenting a condensed version of the Parents' Weekend concent at Hamilton.

Traditional Thirteen Tapped, "Corked," by Honor Society

The traditional cork and string will be seen hanging from thirteen outstanding freshmen for the next week. DT, the sophomore honor society, tapped their successors yesterday in a brief but hectic ceremony. The new DT's are Bruce Bartlett, Mike Billings, Hal Bruck, John Driscoll, John Glezen, Bruce Hall, Milt Harkrader, Craig Henzel, Art Melius, Dave McMillan, Frank O'Brien, Bill Tufts and Ross Ziegler.

Bartlett, a member of Sigma Phi from Upper Montclair, has been active in track and soccer. Mike Billings came all the way from Montana to mount the Hill. He was president of the freshman class. Hal Bruck, DKE, was a member of the football team last fall and is now putting his talents to use in track. He is the sophomore Student Council representative. From Whitney Point comes John Glezen, ADP, who is vice president of the sophomore class and was on the basketball squad. Craig Henzel is second man on the tennis team and a member of Theta Delt.

Art Melius, ELS, aside from being freshman honor court representative, has been active in football, baseball, basketball and in the choir. Also a basketball and football man is Frank O'Brien, Psi U, from Albany. Bill Tufts, DU, is one of Hamilton's best swimmers and co-captain of next year's team. Ross Ziegler, DKE, a pre-engineering student from Albany, was on the basketball and soccer squads.

Dave McMillan, TKE, is news editor of the *Spectator,* was manager of soccer and basketball, and has been active in debating. Bruce Hall, Delta Phi, is a member of the Charlatans, a swimmer and was recently apointed secretary of the Student Admissions Committee. Milt Harkrader, a DKE, from Westfield, N. J., excelled both in cross country last year and in track this Spring.

The Music Club will meet Sunday evening at 8:30. William Murray, '58, will give an organ recital.

IFC Elects Cline As New President Last Monday Nite

D. Miller, Stripp Also Chosen

The Inter-Fraternity Council elected its officers for the coming term at a meeting May 9. Earl Cline, president; Dick Miller, vice president, and Al Stripp, secretary.

Cline, president of Psi Upsilon will co-captain next year's football team, and is now captain of the track squad. He also was a member of D.T. and Was Los. Miller, Theta Delta Chi president, is captain of the Hamilton tennis team. Stripp is a member of the soccer and lacrosse teams and is also on the Intramural Council. He was recently production manager for the Charlatans. He is president of Emerson Literary Society.

Introduced at the meeting was a plan to revise the IFC Constitution. If the proposed plan is approved, the members of the council would be delegates, rather than representatives, of the houses. This change would allow important measures to be voted upon immediately instead of being taken back to each house for consideration.

Because of the continuing nuisance of uninvited house-party guests from neighboring colleges, Al Stripp is writing a letter to Colgate in an attempt to stop the influx of Colgate men to the Hill on party weekends.

Ben Carroll Chosen Charlatans Head

Ben Carroll, newly-elected Charlatans' Director, shown discussing plans for next year with this year's Charlatans' head, Bob Ward.

Ben Carroll, '56, was unanimously elected director of the Charlatans at an organizational meeting this week. Other officers for the '55-'56 season will be Gary Tischler, George Boveroux, Al Stripp and Bob Frese.

Carroll was the assistant director this year under Bob Ward. He directed *Mr. Roberts* in the Fall and this Spring's production of *The Beautiful People.* In his sophomore year, Carroll had roles in both *Billy Budd* and *Henry IV, Part, I.* He was recently elected to Alpha Psi Omega, the national dramatic fraternity.

Tischler, '57, was elected to assume Carroll's post as assistant director. This year he directed the Spring reading of *Coriolanus* and was featured in *The Beautiful People.* He also acted in both of the major productions this year.

Boveroux, '56, was elected business manager, succeeding Mike Sundell, '56. He has been active in the business end of Charlatans for three years. Stripp, '56, the new production manager, worked on Jim Kehoe's stage crews this year.

Frese, '56, was elected assistant business manager. He has served as prop man for several Charlatans' productions, and recently was the chairman of the ticket committee for *The Beautiful People.*

College Property To be Available For Future Sale

Faculty Given Special Offer

The College has announced that it will make available 12 lots of College property for use by members of the faculty. The lots to be sold for $1 each, will allow the faculty to build their own homes.

Ten lots will be made from the land between the Liedke home and Miller Road on the north side of College Hill Road. They will be of varying sizes but will average 225 feet deep by 145 feet wide. The two other lots will be made from property between the Cameron and Mattingly homes on the south side of College Hill Road.

So far, five faculty members have expressed interest in the College's offer. Some of them plan to begin building early this summer and to occupy their homes by next Spring.

According to Herbert Hansen, assistant to President McEwen, the new plan will benefit both the faculty and the College. The faculty members will have the security of owning their own homes and will be able to retain them even after their retirement, something impossible in College-owned homes. The College will make available some of the College-owned homes for other members of the faculty.

The proposed amendment to the Student Council Constitution, voted upon in Chapel yesterday, has been adopted. The amendment provides for changes in Council election procedures.

Wertimer To Give Squires Lecture Monday Evening

Those Who Can . . . Should Teach will be the title of Professor Sidney Wertimer's lecture to be given this Monday night at 8:00 in the Chemistry Auditorium.

It is the second and final lecture in this year's Squires Lecture Series.

Professor Wertimer's talk is based on the premise that not everybody is qualified to teach. He maintains that it is harder to be a good teacher than to be a good businessman or lawyer. His talk will not be as much of an appeal for teachers as " . . . an evaluation of the delights and despairs of teachers." Professor Wertimer himself, during his seven years of experience has taught at such schools as the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, the University of Buffalo, and for the last three years, at Hamilton.

The Squires Lecture Series, sponsored by the Hill's independent organization, was originated seven years ago in order to give faculty members a chance to talk on extra-curricular subjects of interest both to themselves and to the college community. Last year this tradition was carried on by Professor J. Franklin Hunt when he talked on *Australian Blokes and Cobbers,* the story of his trip to Australia, and by Professor Robert Lundin, who spoke on *The Psychology of Drug Addiction.*

Earlier this year, under the direction of Ted Weinstein, '56, the series presented Professor Paul Parker, a former jazz musician himself, who spoke on *Jazz in the Roaring Twenties,* a discussion of the musical greats of that era.

The French Club will present the Jean Cocteau film, "Les Enfants Terribles," in the Chemistry Auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 and Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Academic, Oratorical and Class Awards To Climax Charter Day Ceremonies

The annual Class and Charter Day ceremonies will be held in the Chapel at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 18. Although Hamilton was actually chartered on May 23, 1812, the ceremonies have been moved up so as not to conflict with the examination period.

Pentagon Tapping

The procession into the Chapel will be led by President McEwen, Dean Tolles and Professor Marsh, all of whom will be dressed in full academic regalia. The four classes, led by the Class of 1955, will follow, singing the traditional moving-up song. In Chapel, many scholastic and oratorical prizes will be announced by the Dean and awarded by the President, after which the members of Pentagon will tap the five juniors who will compose the 52nd Pentagon Class. President McEwen will then introduce Upson Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory Willard B. Marsh, who will address the students on *The Stryker Era at Hamilton College,* which will concern the College during the years 1892 through 1917, when Melancthon Stryker was President of Hamilton.

Interclass Competition

The only two classes which will meet next Wednesday will be those held in the first two hours, the classes starting at 8 and 9 o'clock, a half-hour earlier than usual. No classes will meet for the remainder of the day.

Inter-class competitions will be held in the morning after the ceremonies and during the afternoon. Jim Schade, '56, chairman of the Class Day functions, has announced that Dan Koehler, '56, Dick Miller, '56, and Dave Moffett, '56, will be in charge of the interclass competitions in golf, tennis, and soft ball respectively. The softball semi-final games, in which the sophomores will meet the juniors and the freshmen will play the seniors, will be played at 4:30 on Monday afternoon, May 16. The finals will be held at 3:30 on Wednesday.

The semi-finals in tennis and golf will be held immediately after Chapel on Wednesday, and the finals will be played in the afternoon. As in hockey and basketball, the winning class in each sport will receive five points towards the Class Day Trophy, the second-place team three points, the third-place team two, and the losers one point. At present, the sophomores lead with seven points, the freshmen and seniors each have six, and the juniors have three points.

Class Sing at 8:30

The Interclass Sing will be held at 8:30 on Wednesday night. The freshmen will sing from the steps of Benedict, the sophomores will be in front of the Library, the juniors in front of Root, and the seniors on the steps of Truax. Each class will sing two selections of its own choosing, and all classes will sing *Carissima.* The judging committee, headed by Professor Johnston and including

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Faculty, Students Create Committee On Foreign Films

Rizzo to Chairman New Film Group

Frank Rizzo, '58, will be chairman of the newly formed Foreign Films Committee of Hamilton College.

The committee will establish a series of foreign language movies on the Hill. The foreign language departments have felt that such a program will benefit the College. It will coordinate the activities of the various language clubs in obtaining movies, and will make it possible to bring to Hamilton films in German, Russian, Italian, Japanese and other languages. Sam Rosen, '55, was instrumental in helping set up the committee.

Only season tickets will be sold for the films. This will allow for great savings in the cost of the pictures. Students may purchase season tickets at any time next year, but the price will not be reduced after the series has begun. Cost of the tickets will cover the minimum anticipated cost of the program.

The films are being brought to the campus solely as a cultural benefit. Professor Hamlin explained this by saying, "Since we are not in a big city and readily do not have access to such movies, it is part of our cultural responsibility to bring them to Hamilton. This will be an important part in liberal arts training on the Hill."

George Brachfeld, who will advise the committee, agreed with Mr. Hamlin. "It has been the hope of the formal committee, after having seen the cultural benefits of the French and Spanish movies, to broaden the program and thus increase the cultural benefit," he said.

Three sub-committees will carry out the details of the series. Bob Connor, '56, assisted by Roger Derby, '57, will head the Technical subcommittee arranging the actual showing of the pictures. Fred Houtenbrink, '56, will chairman the Promotion subcommittee. Rod Cooke, '56, Norm Fredricksen, '57, and Gene Granof, '56, will serve on this group.

Mike Sundell, '56, will head the the Selection subcommittee which will choose the films. Preston Dawes, '56, Dennis Mahoney, '57, and Rizzo will assist him.

Alpha Delta Phi Captures Songfest Wednesday Night

Alpha Delta Phi won the Berrian R. Shute Trophy at the Interfraternity Sing Wednesday night. Chi Psi placed second and Squires, third. Professor Shute made the award immediately after the judges, Professors Johnston, Wertimer, and Richardson, reached their decision.

When awarding the trophy, Professor Shute said of the Sing, "It was the best thing yet." He was especially pleased with the variety and wide range of the numbers, the large turnout, and the preparation that went into the songs.

Paul Carter led the Alpha Delts in *The Donkey Serenade* and *Put on Your Long Gray Robe.* Chi Psi, led by Murray Hulse, sang *September Song* and *I'm Gonna Ride in the Chariot.* John Greenwald directed the Squires in *Kisses Sweeter Than Wine* and *The Begat.*

For the first time an original arrangement was used in the sing.

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Methodist Minister To Speak Sunday

The Reverend Henry G. Budd, pastor of the First Methodist Methodist Church in Ithaca, will deliver the final sermon of the year at Chapel on Sunday evening. Mr. Budd was graduated from Boston University School of Theology and has held pastorates in several churches in Massachusetts and New York before coming to Ithaca, where he has served as the pastor of the city's largest Methodist church for the past 13 years.

Martin Sorger, '56, was elected president of the Biology Club at the meeting held May 9.

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Is This The Answer?

Editor's Note: Acting upon Mr. Fulmer's suggestion, which appears on this page in letter form, we devote our editorial columns this week to the publication of the Minority Report of the Undergraduate Fraternity Committee on Expansion. Unfortunately, because of considerations of space, we cannot print the report in full. We therefore have restricted ourselves to publishing only the most important and, perhaps, most controversial sections.

(The following report was submitted in full in May of 1954 by a group of three members or their alternates of the Committee. The three — Alan Savory, Jason Eveleth and Daniel Fulmer — were appointed by the Chairman, Albert Saunders, 54, and instructed to write a report summing up the arguments and proposals for the so-called 100 percent or 95-5 percent fraternity membership. Three fraternities at the time voted for this system. The draft was written by Daniel Fulmer, '54, and the group had the cooperation and suggestions of others, including Otto Badenhausen and Harlan Calkins, both '54.)

We propose here a system of "total" fraternity membership. We do so because we believe it is the fairest, most efficient, most economical and strongest social system. We consider there to be too many flaws and inherent evils in both the "80-20" and the "60-40" plans for them to be acceptable.

Two Assumptions

Neither of these other two proposals follow clearly and completely two — seemingly to us — incontrovertible theories. Our proposal depends ultimately on two basic assumptions as to what social life at Hamilton should be: 1) Hamilton is a fraternity college: 2) Exclusiveness no longer has any place in the Hamilton fraternity system.

The fraternity system at Hamilton has evolved into a strong and well-run way of life. It provides for small group, "home-like" living. The College has long recognized the system as being an enjoyable, self-disciplined and efficient one. Moreover, because of Hamilton's small size, the fraternities have traditionally grown up with the College, the fraternity membership percentage becoming larger every year. Today, social and extra-curricular activities at Hamilton are to a large extent run by fraternity representation and cooperation. Thus, the College and the fraternity system tend to become one and the same.

Perhaps nowhere are fraternities more successful than at Hamilton. None of the glaring defects of the systems — such as feuding, disinterest in the College, irresponsibility, etc, — exist here.

There is one large flaw that mars our glowing picture of the fraternity system. That a group of undergraduates live on campus without participating in the advantages of the fraternity system — and consequently in much of Hamilton life — is a major drawback to the system and to the College as a whole. It has made for an unbalanced, incomplete campus social structure. The preferences that the fraternities have considered an advantage are in reality an unfair, impossible policy of discrimination. It hurts the minority group, the College, and, eventually, the fraternity system itself.

(The Minority Report here considers the present 80-20 fraternity ratio and the possibility of instituting a 60-40 ratio. Both are rejected as inadequate solutions. — Ed.)

Plan Presented

Here, then, is our general plan:

1) Rushing will be immediate as it is now. Deferred rushing at other colleges has resulted in certain evils: the "typing" of houses, the formation of cliques and factions in the freshman class, the class's inability to participate fully in campus life for a year, the necessity of providing additional intra-mural and social activities only for the freshmen, and, finally, an inevitable development of hostility and tension among houses during the year-long "rushing."

2) The freshmen will take their meals in Commons throughout their first year even though they have been pledged — although not necessarily initiated — by fraternities. Thus, Commons will operate at full capacity and efficiency, which it does now only during rush week. There will be no additional load on houses, except at certain times of the year. In any case, a survey recently taken reported that the houses could possibly absorb the 520 undergraduates there would be in the upper three classes after expansion. Of course, the freshman class would be larger than the other three — perhaps 230 or 250. Eating together, the freshmen will have better class spirit, a less limited view of College as a whole and perhaps even better marks.

Bigger Houses

3) Housing will still be divided between dormitories and fraternities. However, some changes will have to be made: a new dormitory, the size and type of which could be decided as conditions demand later: new and larger houses for TKE, LXA and DP. (These houses also should be moved *closer* to the campus. The financing could be done in several ways — if the will and need for such changes were clearly manifest by all — alumni drives, private financing through insurance plans and bond issues. College support and aid from the national fraternities. Brown is a model for this type of expansion.)

4) Our plan is flexible. If it is thought that fraternity membership by house should be smaller, new houses could be encouraged. These could be either local or national. Such expansion could be natural and gradual, coming only after the initial steps of expansion have taken place.

Activities Building

5) Instead of a student union, we suggest an activities building, which instead of being used only by a few or left to molder, would be a much-needed addition for all. It would house an auditorium-theater, music rooms, record library, campus post-office, a bigger P-X, lounges, offices for clubs and organizations and meeting rooms. This would do away with the present P-X, thus providing more dining room in Commons, and Silliman Hall, the site of which could be used for the Activities Building.

The final section of the report must be divided since it deals with rushing. There are many variations of a total rushing plan, but we will offer only two here:

Quota System

A.) *A competitive quota system:* Before rushing actually begins, the I.F.C. ascertains the total number of men desiring to be bid by the fraternities. The I.F.C. then assigns a quota to each house, determined in accordance with the facilities of each fraternity and with the size of the freshman class. The sum of these quotas will then equal the number of students who want to be rushed.

Each house must fill its quota, but it cannot exceed the quota. An arbitrary time period — 24 hours or 40 — will be allowed between the time that the first bids are extended and the time that the bids may be accepted. This will avoid the early rush of freshmen trying to take the first bid offered without waiting or considering it. It also allows the I.F.C. an opportunity to discover who has not yet been bid and inform the houses of this fact in the event that the quotas have not yet been filled. The assumption here is that the quotas cannot be filled if the entire class has not been bid.

When a house fills its quota, it steps out of rushing entirely for that Fall. All its outstanding bids are automatically cancelled. With a time limit set and the quotas filled, all men desiring fraternity membership will receive bids. Using this system, houses, if successful in their rushing, will not be forced to take any man that it does not want.

Preferential Bidding

B.) *Preferential Bidding:* This system should not necessarily inspire fear when mentioned. It is in use successfully on many campuses, notably Amherst. The system would work like this:

The I.F.C. will fix quotas like the ones mentioned in the above plan. The difference is that the fraternities can be flexible in their use of the quotas. Details will be settled in conference with the I.F.C. as rushing proceeds.

The freshmen and the houses each make out a list, which would be divided into first, second, and third choice. The freshman selects the fraternities in the order of his preference. The house, in turn, selects the freshmen in its order of preference.

The I.F.C. then matches the lists and attempts to make the necessary arrangements that would be mutually agreeable. This would be done in private conferences with the fraternities and the freshmen.

Preferential rushing is, in a sense, as immediate a system of rushing as the present. A good deal is left up to the hope that such quick choices will work out. And they usually do under the present system. What fraternities sometimes think are men they absolutely do not want, are future good members and citizens.

These are our various suggestions and specific proposals. They are workable, we feel, and necessary. We repeat that the basis and importance of our plan for "total" fraternity membership are contained in the two main ideas: that Hamilton is a fraternity college and that exclusiveness no longer has any place in the fraternity system of today.

New Firemen, Engine Bring College Protection and Smiles

The silence of the Hamilton campus is momentarily shattered the first Tuesday of every month by the sound of ring ing bells. screamin sirens, and screeching brakes. If anyone had the courage to find the source they would see five or six men clinging deperately to a fire engine that seems to be of older vintage than the finest champagne.

This strange sight is actually the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department comprised of Honorary Fire Chief John Mattingly, and the Messrs. Gere, Richardson, Wertimer, Park, Gerold, Jones, and the newly bought 1930 Buffalo fire engine, complete with electric siren. Once a month this group leaves its teaching chores and hops aboard the engine both to learn the latest methods of firefighting and to remind the college that, to quote a member of the department, *"We Are Prepared!"*

Actually, this group serves a very important purpose. During the winter, it is often impossible for the Clinton fire engine to make it up the hill—during the dry season, the Clinton truck is often out fighting brush fires. In either case, the Hill would be stranded without fire protection. However, regardless of whether the Clinton department is free or not, a siren's wail or a call to Clinton 471 will bring Hamilton's truck to the scene of the fire in a matter of minutes.

The new truck itself is quite an improvement over the old one. It is larger, faster, and newer than the 1921 Brockway truck bought from the college by Landy Horning. Besides the advantage of a 250-gallon booster water tank, the truck has a windshield, a blessing obvious to anyone who has ever driven a fire engine without one. Besides the truck's own assets, John Letzelter, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and organizer of the fire department salvaged some lengths of hose and a few scaling ladders from the old truck so that now the truck is prepared to meet almost any emergency.

Being amateurs at the fire-fighting business, the members of the department still have much to learn. Earlier this year, for example, the men climbed into the truck at the outset of one of their fire drill. After some five minutes of vain attempts at starting the engine, they were about to give up when one of the more alert men noticed that the truck's battery was lying on the workshop table. Another time it took the men quite some time to dig the truck out when one of the newer members managed to drive it only part of the way through two snow drifts.

With the unbeatable team of the 1930 Buffalo engine and the Volunteer Fire Department if ever the cry of, "Fireman, Save My Child!" is heard on Hamilton's campus, students can rest assured that it will not go unanswered. (*The Spectator* has been asked to remind the student body that, just in case, there are fire extinguishers located in every dorm.)

French Club Wins Plaudits at Colgate With Presentation

The French Club Players travelled to Colgate last Tuesday night to present Jules Romains' *Knock.*

The play had been previously presented at Hamilton on Friday, April 16, in the round at Commons. At that time a visiting delegation of Colgate language students saw the production and enjoyed it enough to invite the French Club to Colgate.

This is the first time within recent years that a Hamilton group has presented a play outside the College. However, during the first quarter of the twentieth century a play, in Latin, was produced annually at the Hunter College Auditorium in New York by Hamilton students.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May 4, 1955

Dear Sir:

Much to my horror, a letter of mine apeared in the April 29 issue of *The Spectator.* The letter in an incomplete and crude form was printed without permission from me.

I hope it is obvious that I would never have submitted a letter such as that. In fact, I dislike the whole idea of "nosy" letters, written by the alumnus still playing at undergraduate, or by the snide critic—much less by the "all wise" ex-editor. And I don't know how to go about trying to make myself look a little less foolish than I appear in that overly cute and cynical letter of last week. Usually, one dismisses them as being the sour product of a piece of liver gone down the wrong way.

Neverthless, I wish to attempt some clarification and salvage of my position. I would like to take the space in the *Spectator's* columns not to look suddenly lily-white and righteous, but because I am sincerely interested in the discussion of the social problem arising from the College's decision to expand Hamilton. Perhaps I can even be of some help now.

You mentioned in your editor's note that in my long diatribe—for which I publicly apologize now to you — "there was no note of any constructive plan to resolve the problem." I am frankly amazed that your memory has slipped you there. Beside being surprised that you would print such a letter at all, I am surprised that you would think it represented my first and last thoughts "on expansion." They were my last words — on that subject — to the receiver of the letter. I have discussed with him ever since last year several practical proposals on the future social structure of Hamilton. And I think you remember the work a group of us put into these several proposals last year — when "your most conscientious letter supplier" was a somewhat less conscientious staff member of *The Spectator.* So my little "blast," as printed, is slightly out of context and sense.

Unfortunately, these concrete suggestions never got into print. Most of them were embodied in the Minority Report of the Undergraduate Fraternity Committee on Expansion. I was a member of that committee, and I helped to write that report. Like the other reports it was submitted to the College but never published in full—at that time or the following year. Why they were not made public so that there could be fruitful discussion of the problem remains a mystery.

I ask you now to print that minority report or an abridgement of it. Publication of it can only aid those who will have to make the final decision. Students should not be content to let discussion of their way of life thin out to apathetic silence. Certainly, if there are more foolish letters or more bickering in an aimless, opinionated fashion, "any hopes for an equitable solution *are* lost."

Sincerely,
Dan Fulmer

Dear Sir:

Students interest in the old and perplexing question of determining the proper ratio of fraternity men to independents at Hamilton has been renewed and heightened this Spring by a combination of several developments. First, the decision to expand to 750 men has necessitated a reappraisal of the situation; secondly, the *Spectator* published an editorial on April 22 which proposed a change from the present 80-20 ratio; and lastly, an announcement has been made that the Trustees will decide at their Commencement weekend meeting just what the ratio is to be during and after expansion. The editorial advocated that the ratio be changed to perhaps 95-5, by a system under which incoming Freshmen would not be permitted to eat in fraternity houses until the fall of their Sophomore year.

The editorial has prompted a number of letters in reply, in which various aspects in it are discussed and criticized. Rather than supporting the status quo, however, or attacking the 95-5 plan for departing from it, most of the letters favor a system under which all students would be guaranteed membership in a fraternity if they wanted it; in other words, a ratio of 100-0. The *Spectator's* position is attacked for admittedly falling short of this.

In my view, the contest between 95-5 and 100-0, which seems to be developing on page 2 of the *Spectator,* is merely a side issue, and tends to obscure the main issue; i.e., whether we are to keep our present 80-20 ratio or change it. I feel that a 95-5 program such as the editor suggests is a necessary first step at this time, and that once that position is achieved, then and only then can we intelligently decide whether to stay there, or to continue on to 100-0. In other words, I ask advocates of 100 percent rushing to support the editorial position now, as a better one than the present system.

Personally, I do feel that the editorial position of 95-5 is a better one than the 80-20 setup we now have, and that therefore it should be adopted. It provides three-fourths of our present independents with fraternity membership that they desire, and also has the advantage of using only indirect economic and financial pressures to induce fraternities to pledge a greater percentage of the upperclassmen than is now done. It has the virtue of being the best compromise position possible, I think, between two rights which are mutually exclusive: (1) the right of every Hamilton student to an "adequate social life" (which to the adherent of 100-0 means fraternity membership whether or not the fraternity wants him as a member, and (2) right of a fraternity to choose its own members; one that is, I feel, equally as important as the first, but is often overlooked by crusaders for the first.

There is no question that ideally and theoretically, only a 100-0 system should be considered. But unfortunately we are seeking the best ractical solution, and although it may be regrettable that some fraternities feel that certain students are socially undesireable and the the judgments are based often perhaps on a hasty rush week impression, still nevertheless the fact remains that the fraternities do feel this way in many cases, even if wrongly so.

I wonder if an advocate of 100 percent opportunity would wish to remain a member of a fraternity if his fraternity brothers were so opposed to his pledging that he was socially ostracized within the fraternity, or if his fraternity brothers' resentment against being forced to accept him against their will did not evaporate after a few weeks of adjustment and assimilation. It is certainly to be hoped that fraternities would not take this attitude, but it also can't be denied that, rightly or wrongly, many fraternity men would rather not pledge certain men and accept them as brothers.

It is my opinion that the stand taken by the editor of the *Spectator,* realizing as it does that the fraternities now on the Hill cannot possibly feed and accomodate more than 80 percent of the student body; that thus many desireable men to whom fraternities would have no objections are denied fraternity membership; and that a system of requiring all Freshmen to eat in Commons would allow fraternities to pledge these "desireable" upperclassmen; is the soundest and most workable solution of the three different ratios proposed.

Cal Torrance

May 2, 1955

Dear Sir:

I should like to add a belated comment on your recent editorial concerning Hamilton's future social organization to those printed in the April 29 issue of the *Spectator.* The best way to do this, I think, would be to discuss last week's letters themselves; for as well as pointing out the general faults in the *Spectator* editorial, they illustrate other common points of view, which, if no more foolish than your's, are considerably more harmful.

Firstly Mr. Fulmer's contribution: certainly it is accurate enough in criticizing the see-no-evil, hear-no-evil nature of your ideas. The social problems of this campus—and there are definite social problems—will not be made to disappear by some journalistic mixture of strong hope, weak compromise, and stone houses. However, cogent as Mr. Fulmer's attacks are, the lack of taste of their presentation overcomes any good they might have done. The entrance of such precious and negative remarks into a serious consideration must have demanded a great deal of nerve and a great lack of mature judgment, either on the part of Mr. Fulmer himself, or on the part of his conscientious friend in forwarding for public presentation what may have been meant as a personal letter.

As for Mr. Sproat: his complaint is certainly a legitimate one: I wish his solution were too. As things are now most of the people eating in the Commons do not have adequate social facilities, either in Squires Club or as independents. However, things won't be improved by forming a Jewish fraternity. Hamilton is too small to support a ghetto. There is considerably less active discrimination on campus now than most people in Commons believe. However much there is will only be augmented by the presence of a Jewish fraternity; for it will be easy and natural for the other fraternities to assume that all students labeled Jewish would rather stay among "their own" than be a part of the rest of the college. Even if this were so, it would not make segregation any more the right. Also, greatly as this solution may facilitate Mr. Sproat's dreams and soothe his bitterness, I doubt very much whether it would help, in any practical way, those people eating in Commons whom he considers his fellows. The transference of

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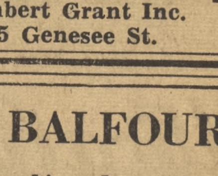
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Hill Nine Drubs Rochester As Hovey Pitches Six-Hitter

Second baseman Bruno Colapietro shown sliding safely into third in a successful double steal pulled off by the Continentals in the eighth inning of Tuesday's game with Rochester. Jim Thompson stole second on the same play.

The Continentals will be on the road this weekend in an attempt to improve on their 4-3 record. The team got above the .500 mark this past week by virtue of a 11-1 drubbing of Rochester on Wednesday, after submitting to an 11-0 shutout at the hands of Ithaca College last Friday.

Played Hobart Today

This Friday the Continentals will play in Geneva against Hobart, losers of an 8-5 decision to Hamilton earlier in the season. On Saturday the Continentals appear in Rochester for a return engagement against the Yellowjackets. Ace hurler Ron Hovey is more than likely to work one encounter, while either the injured John Penney or southpaw Comer Coppie will probably pitch the other.

Ithaca College completely outclassed the Hamilton nine in the seven inning houseparty fray, as they won their ninth straight game of the season. Righthander Bob Thuates struck out 13 batsmen as his mates racked three Continental pitchers for 11 hits. Shortstop Grover Jones was the big gun in the Ithaca attack, driving in four runs on a homer and a single.

Ithaca Home Run

Jones' home run, coming in the third with two mates aboard, was the first hit off Hovey, but in the next three innings the Bombers picked up eight more off Hovey and relievers Fribush and McGann. Meanwhile Thuates struck out two men in each inning except the second, when he struck out one. Hovey was the only batter to get more than one hit for Hamilton.

The Hillmen coasted to an easy 11-1 victory over Rochester behind the six hit pitching of Hovey, who brought his record to 3-2. Hovey was never in trouble until the ninth inning, when a pinch hit single brought in the losers only tally.

The Hamilton offense was led by right fielder Jim Thompson, who collected two hits and four runs batted in. Hovey and Moffett also got two hits, and Don Pratt batted in two runs. Defensively, Moffett made the play of the day in the first inning by stopping a hard hit ground ball and throwing to Colapietro, who relayed to Moses for the double play.

The Continentals jumped off to a five run lead in the first three innings. Two runs scored in the second inning on Pratt's double with Moffett and Colapietro on base. In the third inning, an error and a bases loaded single by Thompson led to three runs. In the big eighth inning uprising, the Blue combined five hits, three errors, and a double steal for the six final runs.

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Squires and ADP Lead Intramural Softball Leagues

Tennis and Golf Finals Coming Up

The intramural softball season got off to a good start this season with only two games being postponed in the first two weeks.

The Squires' entry, finalist last year, weathered two close calls to jump into first place in the Blue League with a 4-0 record. In the race for second place, Sig, Psi U and ELS are bunched in close competition.

In the Buff League, defending champions ADP are currently in first place after squeezing by a tough DKE team. Runner-up in the Buff League is TDX with a 3-1 record. League action will continue until May 16, when, barring further postponements, the first two teams in each league will play off for the championship.

Intramural tennis got underway on May 10. Winners of the first round were: Psi U, LXA, ADP, ELS, TDX, Chi Psi, and D.U.

On the golf scene, D.U. is currently leading the way with victories over Sig and Chi Psi. According to Intramural chairman Dick Boyd, the remaining second round matches must be played by May 14, and the finals by May 17.

Charter Day . . .

Professors Starnes, Baldwin, Jauch and Piano, will take into consideration both the quality of the singing and the percentage of those participating. The winning class will receive eight points, the runner-up five, and the third-place class three points. Last year's winning class was the Class of '56.

Professor Johnston will award the Class Day Trophy and the Class Sing Trophy after the sing, at which time President McEwen will also present plaques to the winners of interfraternity athletics.

BATTING
(At least 10 AB)

Hovey	379	Moses	200
Glezen	364	Moffett	185
Olson	333	Colapietro	143
Schuman	200	Pratt	125

PITCHING

	IP	W-L	ERA
Coppie	3	0-0	0.00
Penny	14	1-1	1.92
Hovey	39.3	3-2	2.30
Fribush	1	0-0	9.00
McGann	1.2	0-0	10.80

ROCHESTER

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Graham, lf	4	0	1	1	0
Burns, ss	4	0	2	1	1
Texter, cf	4	0	0	1	0
B. Thompson, c	3	1	1	6	0
Devereaux, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Bartlett, 3b	3	0	0	3	4
cDintroff	1	0	1	0	0
Jennings, 2b	2	0	1	0	0
bDevries	1	0	0	0	0
Wojanowski, 2b	1	0	0	0	0
Rice, p	0	0	0	0	0
	34	1	6	24	11

HAMILTON

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Glezen, lf	5	1	1	2	0
Schuman, cf	4	0	0	3	0
Olson, ss	5	2	1	0	1
Hovey, p	5	0	2	2	1
Moffett, 3b	4	3	2	2	1
Moses, 1b	4	2	0	8	0
Colapietro, 2b	4	2	1	4	4
J. Thompson, rf	4	1	2	0	0
Pratt, c	4	0	1	6	1
	39	11	10	27	7

a-Popped out for Hewitt in 7th
b-Popped out for Jennings in 8th
c-Singled for Bartlett in 9th
d-Struck out for Rice in 9th

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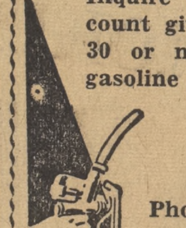

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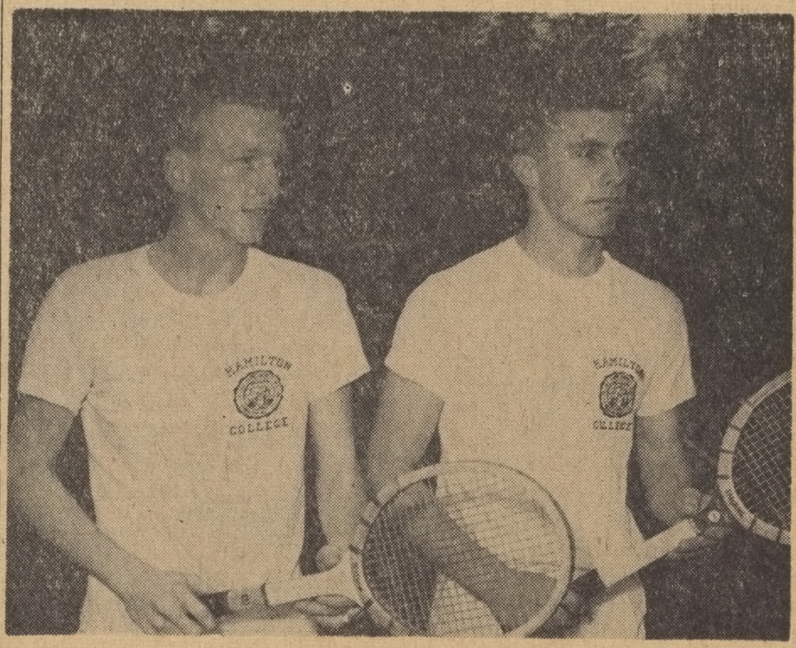
Tennis Team Spills Cortland; Play Hobart, Rochester Away



Hill freshmen tennis mainstays Tim Smelzer and Craig Henzel shown before practice session Tuesday afternoon. Both Smelzer and Henzel are undefeated in play thus far this season.

By Gerret Wullschleger

The Hamilton tennis team, having swept to its seventh consecutive victory of the season, will enter the home stretch of the year with only three more wins needed for an undefeated schedule.

The Continentals have already beaten all of the remaining opponents. Today the Blue will be in Geneva to face Hobart, beaten already 8-0. On Saturday, they will travel on to play Rochester, beaten 8-1. The last match of the season is against a strong Union team, that was previously beaten 7-2.

The Hillmen had little trouble in defeating Hobart on Houseparty Friday, 8-0. The second doubles were not completed due to showers and high wind. Only Chris Ravandal was extended to three sets, as he had to come from behind to defeat Dave Beldner in number five singles.

However, only Harry Presberg, playing number one, was able to completely shut out his opponent. Craig Henzel and John Roberts both won their matches by 6-1, 6-0 scores. Captain Dick Miller won 6-2 and 6-1, while Tim Smelzer won 6-3, 6-4.

Presberg and Miller teamed up to defeat Mendell and Freeman of Hobart, 6-0, 6-2, and Pete Cox and Max Gray beat Rooney and Savitts by the same score. In the match that was not completed, Henzel and Smelzer had taken a 6-2 lead before the rain came down.

The Hillmen got over the big hurdle in their march to an undefeated season by beating Cortland State Teachers in Cortland last Wednesday. The 7-2 win not only served to keep this year's victory skein intact, but also gained revenge for the Cortland triumph in 1954, which marred an otherwise perfect Hamilton slate.

Cortland's only wins Wednesday were at the expense of Harry Presberg in the singles and Presberg and Miller in the doubles. In the number six singles, Tim Smelzer received tough opposition from Bob Grace before winning out, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

TENNIS SUMMARY

Tennis Summary

Van Nostrand (C) over Presberg (H), 6-0, 6-4; Henzel (H) over Hassler (C), 6-0, 6-4; Miller (H) over Bertomen (C), 6-4, 6-2; Roberts (H) over Stubbs (C), 6-1, 6-1; Ravndal () over Pearson (C), 6-0, 6-0; Smelzer (H) over Grace (C), 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; Van Nostrand and Hassler (C) over Presberg and Miller (H), 7-5, 6-0; Henzel and Smelzer (H) over Grace and Bertomen (C), 6-3, 6-1; Cox and Gray (H) over Marks and Cluff (C), 6-2, 6-0.

Hill Golfers Edge Rochester 5-4; Lose to Oswego

Meet Rochester, Hobart Saturday

The Continental golfers pulled through with their best match of the year last Saturday when they dropped Rochester, 5-4. It was the first defeat for the Yellowjackets in 15 matches. Wednesday, however, the Continentals were defeated by Oswego Teachers, 5½-3½.

Koehler Medalist

It was the lower ranks that accounted for the Rochester defeat. Jim Schade and Jerry Walsh, playing No. 5 and No. 6, picked up 2½ points when each won his match, and together split their best ball. Dick Plotka and Jack Taylor picked up two points when they split their best ball. after Plotka had won his match and Jack Taylor sank a 20 foot putt to halve his. Captain Dan Koehler picked up the other half point when he halved his match. Koehler and Bobby Burch were medalists with a low score of 74.

Against Oswego, the converse was true, as the first pair of Koehler and Ron Woodward picked up 2½ points. The only other point that the Blue could pick was Jim Schade's win.

4 Wins So Far

With the two matches that the Continentals played this past week, they have run their season's record to four wins and two loses. There are four matches remaining for the golfers this year. Two of them will take place this weekend when Hamilton will journey to Rochester Friday and Hobart Saturday. This coming week the Blue will travel to Union Thursday and entertain RPI at home, Saturday.

Hill Track Team Beats Ithaca; Cline, Eld, Ibach Lead Team

The Continental track team beat Ithaca 103 to 28, taking twelve first places in fifteen events. Earl Cline led the victors with ten points, followed by Pete Eld with eight points, and John Ibach with seven. Cline, out to beat his own record in the broad jump, made a jump of twenty-two feet, nine inches but was disqualified due to a foot-fault; however, a jump of twenty-two, six was good enough to win the event. John Ibach ran the 120 high hurdles in close to record time, winning the race in 15.9 seconds. Tony Romano won the shotput, and Paul McGiffin took the javelin handily.

On Wednesday, the track team went to Cortland, and suffered a defeat 87 to 44, Hamilton taking only four firsts: Romano in the shot, McGiffin in the javelin, Joe Nuccio in the high jump, and Al Shaler in the two mile. The Cortland mile relay team, fresh from a win in the Penn Relays, set a new record, winning in 3:28.2; the Hamilton relay team ran their best race, 3:31.6. Coach Long said this was a good Cortland team, and that the team had turned in some excellent times in losing.

Unfortunately for Hamilton, Earl Cline has damaged his hamstring muscle again and will be unable to compete Saturday against Oswego unless conditions are perfect, and he feels in the best of shape.

Sing Winners . . .

Mr. Cleveland Jauch's arrangement of *Hush to Peace* was sung by the Delta Phi's.

The leaders of the other houses were, Theta Delta Chi, Bob Hunt; DKE, Tom Hasenpflug; Delta Phi, Peter Browne; Tau Kappa Epsilon, Jim Schade; Lambda Chi, Dave Quarton; ELS, Al Prettyman; Psi U, Tom Fisher; and DU, Dave Sagman. Sigma Phi did not compete.

Carl Hansen, '57, has been elected to the Athletic Council. Pete Eckel, '56, is the other undergraduate member of the Council.

Lacrosse Team To Face Cornell Away Saturday

A winless Hamilton College lacrosse team will travel to Ithaca, New York this weekend to provide the opposition for a powerful Cornell University team in the annual Cornell Spring Carnival contest. The Big Red is one of the toughest opponents the Hamilton stickmen will face this year. Outstanding mainstays in the Cornell lineup will be All-Americans Shriver and Fauntleroy.

After tomorrow's game the Buff and Blue will return home to close the current season with a game next Thursday afternoon May 19, against Union. The Dutchmen won the Class C lacrosse title last year, and are fighting hard to keep the Taylor Cup in Schenectady.

The Cortland State Teachers' made it two straight wins over the Clintonians last Houseparty Weekend in a rough and ready contest. The Teachers jumped out to an early lead, and after the dust cleared the score read Cortland 9, Hamilton 6. The game was halted late in the first period when the officials were called to the Hamilton bench to break up a fist swinging free-for-all, and the rest of the game was marked by aggressive defensive play and hard body-checking.

Capt. Ed Reed, outstanding member of this year's squad, once again led the Hamilton offense, and Jim Allison was high scorer for the visitors.

In their two previous starts this year the Hamiltonians were defeated by Middlebury 11-6 on May 4, and on April 30 the Cortland Teachers' squeezed out an 8-7 victory in the last minute of play at Cortland.

Sailors Schedule Tuneup Sunday

In a final tuneup before the Upper New York State Championships, the informal sailing team will travel to Rochester on Sunday to compete with five other New York State colleges. The colleges that will compete on Lake Ontario will be Hobart, Rochester, Syracuse, LeMoyne, and Cornell.

Probably two of the best skippers that Hamilton boasts will be on hand at the meet. Bob Hunt and Dave Smalley will be the skippers while their crews will be Bob Fellows and Bill Harvey.

In the big meet next week Hamilton will be out to better the job that they did last year. Hamilton lost out by only one point to Syracuse, last year's champions.

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Final French Film Features Cocteau-Conjured Mythology

By Frank Rizzo

The last film attraction sponsored by the French Club, Jean Cocteau's *The Strange Ones,* will be shown tonight and tomorrow night, with an additional performance Sunday afternoon, in the Chemistry Auditorium. The film concludes a series of six French imports which began this Fall with another Cocteau feature, *Orpheus.* Like *Orpheus, The Strange Ones* is a screen adaptation of one of the author's previous works; it is based on his 1929 novel, *Les Enfants Terribles,* a complex psychological study of adolescent love. The book is, in many ways, sensational: it is said to have been written by Cocteau during a three-week period while he was in a state of opium intoxication.

The plot is closely bound up with the author's own personal mythology. Paul and Elizabeth, brother and sister, live out a fantastic existance in a Montmartre apartment. They are held together by an incestuous love. They surround themselves with bric-a-brac, their "treasure chest"; they play the mysterious game of "departing"—a sort of self-induced hypnotic trance. Their two friends and would-be lovers, Gerard and Agatha, can never wholly penetrate their private world. Even Elizabeth's marriage fails to break the spell of the Montmartre apartment: her husband, a rich American, dies on their wedding night, almost as she knew he would.

And once comfortably installed in the young widow's overgrown town-house, "the strange ones" rebuild their former room—a kind of Chinese city made of screens and rugs and assorted furniture. Paul falls in love with Agatha, transferring to her the disturbing sentiments he had felt for a fellow-student, the enigmatic Dargelos; but his hopes are frustrated by the jealous intervention of Elizabeth. Like a murderer Elizabeth engages all four in the culminating tragedy. In the end, both brother and sister die of their intolerable relationship.

Cocteau wrote the scenario himself and speaks a narrative—passages drawn from the novel—throughout the film. He supplies his usual cinematic touches. For instance, both the roles of the school-boy, Dargelos, and that of Agatha are played by the same actress. The film utilizes an unusual musical background drawn from the works of Vivaldi and Bach. The English sub-titles by Herman Weinbeerg are excellent.

Professor Shute To Take Absence Leave Next Year

Richard E. Bennett, '51, has been appointed instructor of music for the first semester of the next academic year. He will substitute for Professor Berrian Shute, who wil be completing a book with the aid of a Faculty fellowship.

While at Hamilton, Mr. Bennett played the organ and participated in musical activities on the Hill.

He is now studying for his M.A. in music at Columbia University, and is church organist at St. Mark's in New York City,

The monthly offering for the work of the Chapel Board will be taken in Chapel this Sunday.

Letters Cont. . . .

all those Jews to their own fraternity, and the consequent removal of the stench of association, won't make those remaining in Commons any lovelier or more appealing to the rest of the fraternities.

As everybody else has said, the only way to solve this problem is to look at it realistically. The true situation is that in a school as isolated and small as Hamilton, and in which fraternities are predominant, most people who are not members of fraternities cannot have adequate social lives, if only because of the almost automatic feeling of resentment and dissatisfaction caused by being left out. This situation is intolerable. There are two ways in which the administration can improve it: either by assuring 100% participation in fraternities by some system of compulsory bidding, or by reducing the importance of the fraternities on campus when the college expands and building a student union with adequate social facilities—including a bar—for those students who are not members of a fraternity. One other thing that will help, and which the student body can do, is remembering, whatever solution is reached, that practically everbody on campus, even those people eating in Commons, is human.

Yours truly,
Michael Sundell, '56

Dear Editor:

In a recent editorial and in subsequent letters to the editor, we have discovered a misconception of the role that Squires Club has played and is now playing on the Hamilton Campus. It has gone unchallenged that the existing independents' organization (Squires Club) is not an adequate social arrangement. It further states that this organization does not "provide" real friendship among Hamilton men" and does not "aid the College in "realizing its obligation to the freshman class."

We do not contend that the social system that exists today is either ideal or adequate for the needs of all the undergraduates. We do not feel that Squires Club can meet the needs of all of the some one hundred men who are independent of the fraternity system. Rather it seems to us that it is an organization for that group of students who are unaffiliated and who desire to associate themselves with an organization that does demand something of its members, that accomplishes what its members desire socially, and that makes its adequate contribution to life on the Hill.

Mr. Editor, how is this for a real and healthy role in College life? Squires Club participates in all of the functions of the Inter-Fraternity Council, which includes serving as a source of objective comment on Hell Week legislation. We have fielded teams in every intramural sport this and last year, winning a trophy in one and reaching the play-offs in another. The social life of any Squire member is certainly comparable, if not superior, to that of the members of any fraternity on the Hill. Squires members participate in and lead many of the school's extra-curricular activities.

The most scoffed at function of our fraternities at Hamilton, that of promoting scholastic achievement, is very adequately taken up by Squires Club as evidenced by our constant leadership in scholarship. Moreover it seems that Squires Club is one of the two social organizations on the Hill which has attempted to contribute to the cultural life of the College community. It has done this by sponsoring a series of excellent lectures by our faculty members. *The Squires Lecture Series.* Finally, we feel that the point upon which we are most often criticized — lack of spirit — has largely dis appeared. That stereotype was formed years ago. The way that our members have turned out to participate in club activities and club projects for house improvement certainly indicates an enthusiastic and active group, characteristics which we often find missing in groups of our fraternity classmates.

We object on these grounds to the casual mud-slinging to which Squires has been subjected in the past few weeks. Before the editors start to throw our organization out, they might take the journalistic responsibility to find out exactly what is going on in Squires Club. Try taking a look at the Club for what it is doing rather than for what the editor finds is convenient to put into his confused editorial.

Sincerely,
The Executive Committee
of Squires Club

Al Kempler, '57, was elected president of the French Club at a meeting held last night. Everett Kelsey, '57, was elected vice-president and Sam Schulman, '56, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Escort Service Has Successful Year; P. McGiffin to Head Service In Fall

What is so rare as a sub-freshman who knows the location of Root Hall? Certainly there is no individual that can get quite so lost, so fast, as a sub-freshman on his first trip to the Hill. Perhaps there are even Hamilton students who aren't really sure which is the Science and which is the Chemistry Building.

To solve this problem for sub-freshmen at least, the College turns to the Student Escort Service. The group, headed this year by Al Shaler, '57, is made up of Hill students willing to show visitors the campus. Each member is assigned a definite time during which he will be available for escort duties.

The service, part of the activities of the Student Admissions Committee, was begun two years ago. Up to that time, a particular fraternity would be available during a definite period. This plan proved impractical for all fraternities did not have men ready at the set times.

Bob Ward, '55, helped to institute the present system. This year the Service has proven "invaluable in creating a fine impression of the College," according to Tom Gregory, Assistant Secretary of Admissions. Gregory has also stated that, "We have received many complimentary letters from visitors stressing the consideration and courtesy shown them by a student guide.

Next year, Paul McGiffin, '57, will head the Escort Service. Paul has served as an escort this year along with Ray Goebel, '58, Oscar Wilkerson, '57, Pete Houmiel, '57, Perry Weed, '58, Charles Rammelt, '57, Bruce Hall, '58, Gil Fuld, '58, Jim Holmlund, '58, Dick Harnett, '55, Jay Eveleth, '57, Jack Cushing, '56, Dick Rockwell, '57, and Dave McMillan, '58.

Gordon Raitt, '55, Dies in Jet Crash

Funeral services were held in Rochester on Tuesday, May 10, for Gordon M. Raitt, a former Hamilton student. Raitt was killed when his jet trainer crashed at Laredo Air Force Base in Texas.

Entering Hamilton with the class of 1955, Raitt was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He served that fraternity as rushing chairman before leaving college to enlist in the Air Cadet program. Raitt's father Richard G. Raitt, '24, has served on the college board of trustees.

While at Hamilton Raitt was a member of the lacrosse team and vice-president of his freshman class.

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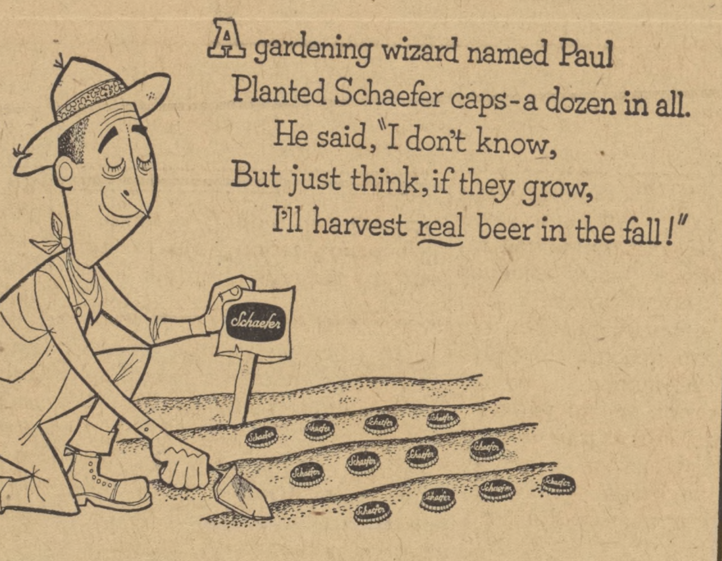
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